

RESOLUTION NO. 2001-234

A RESOLUTION OF THE LODI CITY COUNCIL OPPOSING THE
BAY AREA 2001 OZONE ATTAINMENT PLAN DUE TO LACK
OF MITIGATION MEASURES ADDRESSING BAY AREA
AIR POLLUTION

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WHEREAS, the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin (SJVAB) is designated as serious nonattainment for the one-hour ozone standard by the US Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and

WHEREAS, the EPA has proposed that the SJVAB be reclassified to severe nonattainment for the one-hour federal ozone standard, with attainment for the standard required by November 15, 2005; and

WHEREAS, the preliminary modeling conducted for the SJVAB's 2005 attainment demonstration indicates that large emission reductions will be required; and

WHEREAS, emission reductions from all possible sources and from all regions that contribute ozone precursors to the SJVAB will be needed by 2003 if the SJVAB is to reach attainment by 2005; and

WHEREAS, the ARB, in its *Assessment of the Impacts of Transported Pollutants on Ozone Concentrations in California, March 2001*, identified the Bay Area as an overwhelming and significant contributor to state ozone exceedances in the north portion of the San Joaquin Valley Air Basin; and

WHEREAS, recent photochemical modeling conducted by San Joaquin Valley Unified Air Pollution Control District showed significant contribution by Bay Area pollutants to the ozone levels in the Modesto-Turlock and Merced areas, areas where the SJVAB has consistently had federal exceedances of the one-hour standard, and a smaller, but still significant contribution to the exceedances in the Fresno area; and

WHEREAS, in several guidance documents issued by the US Environmental Protection Agency since 1993 it has been clearly stated that the State must consider imposition of control measures within the state implementation plan (SIP) submitted for the transporting air basin, if those control measures are needed to avoid significant impacts in downwind areas either intrastate or interstate; and

WHEREAS, as a transporting air basin plan, the *Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan* should contain control measures that would mitigate significant impacts on downwind areas, including the San Joaquin Valley, and such measures, including SMOG Check II, are available; and

WHEREAS, the ARB staff's review of the Bay Area Plan recognizes that if the Bay Area were to adopt SMOG Check II without the "test only" requirement as allowed by current law, "These reductions could benefit overall air quality in the Bay Area and in all downwind regions."

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved as follows:

1. The Bay Area is a significant contributor to air pollution in the San Joaquin Valley.
2. By State and Federal Law, the California Air Resources Board is required to consider imposition of control measures within the state implementation plan (SIP) submitted for the transporting air basin, if those control measures are needed to avoid significant impacts in downwind areas either intrastate or interstate.
3. Control measures, including SMOG Check II, are available that would reduce the impact of transported pollutants from the Bay Area into the San Joaquin Valley.
4. As the responsible party for the SIP, the California Air Resources Board should not approve the *Bay Area 2001 Ozone Attainment Plan* unless said plan includes mitigation measures for the transport of pollutants into the San Joaquin Valley and other downwind areas.

Dated: October 3, 2001

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I hereby certify that Resolution No. 2001-234 was passed and adopted by the Lodi City Council in a regular meeting held October 3, 2001 by the following vote:

AYES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Hitchcock, Howard, Pennino and Mayor Nakanishi

NOES: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None

ABSENT: COUNCIL MEMBERS – Land

ABSTAIN: COUNCIL MEMBERS – None



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City Clerk